



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 1.25

Subject:	Interstate Compact on Juveniles
Authority:	TCA 37-4-101 – 106; 37-5-106
Standards:	None
Application:	To All Department of Children Services Employees.

Policy Statement:

Pursuant to TCA 37-4-102, the Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services shall be designated Compact Administrator and DCS shall be a party to and cooperate with other states, other departments, agencies and officers of Tennessee in accordance with the provisions of the Compact.

Purpose:

To ensure DCS compliance with TCA 37-4-102 and establish rules and regulations to effectively carry out the terms of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ). The ICJ compact also ensures protection and services to juvenile justice children who are placed across state lines that are not under proper supervision and control, or who have absconded, escaped or run away, are likely to endanger their own health, morals and welfare, and the health, morals and welfare of others. All relevant federal and state child-welfare laws and policies that apply to a child in Tennessee apply to that child if placed across state lines.

Procedures:

A. Assignment and responsibilities of ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator	The Commissioner of DCS shall designate a departmental ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator on Juveniles who shall carry out all duties associated with the administration of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles as outlined in the <i>Interstate Compact on Juveniles Practices and Procedures Manual</i> .
B. Interstate Compact on Juveniles Practices and Procedures Manual	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All matters relating to the Interstate Compact on Juveniles must be administered in accordance with the procedures established in the <i>Interstate Compact on Juveniles Practices and Procedures Manual</i> which shall include but are not limited to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Requests for in-state supervision of a youth by a member state;b) Requests for out-of-state supervision of a youth from within the state;c) Return of runaway youth;2. The Deputy Compact Administrator shall review annually the <i>Interstate Compact on Juveniles Practices and Procedures Manual</i>, who may appoint designated staff to oversee the review and revision of the manual as necessary.

C. Reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Deputy Compact Administrator shall make a written report to the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee at least annually, by February 1.2. The report shall advise the aforementioned officials and committees on the number of participants in the Compact.3. The annual report will be routed through the DCS Legislative Liaison for delivery to the designated Legislators.

Forms:	None
Collateral documents:	<u>Interstate Compact on Juveniles Practices and Procedures Manual</u>